

REMARKS

Claims 35 - 36 have been added.

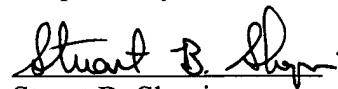
Claims 1 - 36 are present in the subject application.

In addition to the amendments and remarks contained within the Amendment for the subject application filed December 19, 2000 in response to an Office Action dated September 21, 2000, Applicant submits the above claim amendments and following remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

New claims 35 - 36 have been added to further define various features of the present invention. In particular, new claims 35 - 36 recite the features of a controller facilitating entry of a desired temperature for each of a plurality of heating chambers and controlling each heating chamber to heat at least one item contained within that heating chamber to the corresponding desired temperature, wherein at least two of the heating chambers are associated with different desired temperatures. The Koopman, Johnson and Schmidt et al patents, either alone or in combination, do not disclose, teach or suggest these features. Accordingly, new claims 35 - 36 are considered to be in condition for allowance.

The application, having been shown by the previously filed and subject Amendments to overcome issues raised in the Office Action, is considered to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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